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Vanguard High School

Ocala, FL

What a break! It's been three weeks since my last issue but it's a good thing the break is over. I started to get mind block. (Without that my brain would have gotten fried.) Once again we have a power packed issue for you. Besides the above Dory Funk, Jr. promoted card, we have some new faces and surprises in our latest NWA TV taping reports from Marietta and Center Stage. Monsieur Jersey Joe hits us with another "Cosmic Clothesline". We have a report on the NWA's return to the New York area. Marilyn Rundle is a special guest columnist for this issue with part one of "Skydome Lobbying". She'll take us into the "green room" at Wrestlemania VI. A review of this weekends Sat.Night's Mai Event, Correspondent's Corner, and Letters To Moi will round out this issue. Can't leave out "Ramblings" though.

We'll be right back at you next week on 5/5 with the circus at Orlando Arena headlined by Savage vs. Rhodes. Ticket sales are going slow for that one. Marilyn will have part two of "Skydome Lobbying, Mike Terry will once again throw his two cents into the ring, and Evan Ginzburg will give us a piece of his mind. Sounds like a circus right there. Before I forget I'd like to thank everyone for subscribing and to you new people, I hope you find us entertaining and stay on board for a long ride.

"Arena Report" is published twice per month at the cost of 75¢ per issue. A number should appear at the top left corner of this page indicating how many issues you have left. All subs, renewals, reports, and letters may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct. Lake Mary, FL 32746. Klone made the trip up to Ocala with me so his grades will appear along with mine. And now to the show where the big question is, will Jim Cornette get into it with Dory Jr. I say he does. Let's find out! We were met at the show by Alex Marvez who does a weekly column for the Miami Herald so our grades will be an average of the three.

Opening Match

Mike Rotunda pinned Gary Allbright in 6:59 when Allbright missed a corner charge and Captain Mike rolled him up. When Allbright stepped into the ring, none of us knew who he was. When Tony Gillim announced his name, we all said in unison, "Gary Allbright". Gary worked in Calgary under the name Vulcan Singh and teamed with Norman. I'm sure it was Mike Shaw's (Norman) influence that got him in. This match featured two legit amateur wrestlers. Good opener. ** $\frac{1}{4}$

2nd Match

Jack Victory beat David Sierra in 11:13. Sierra is the Cuban Assassin but they announced him from West Palm Beach, FL and used the Sierra name. I did a double take when I heard that. He was the face. I'm sure alot of people knew who he was but the fans were hot all night for everything anyway. Sierra went for a backdrop but Victory caught him in a gourdbuster for the pin. $\frac{1}{2}$ * Some girl told Sierra,

"Nice try", on his way to the dressing room.

3rd Match

Tom Zenk beat Mean Mark Callous via over top rope DQ in 7:36. Horrible bout. Neither did a thing. They stalled at the start to check Callous's taped fist. I don't know why the NWA isn't giving Mark pins on all these guys. Zenk's a tag team wrestler! Dud

Tag Team Match

Ron Simmons & Samu over Johnny Ace & Tommy Rich in 21:00. Great match. Was supposed to be Doom vs. Dudes. You know Shane's story. Reed probably just no showed like he does every once in a while. Ace (yes, Ace) did a great sequence with Samu with leapfrogs, into the ropes, missed flying press, good stuff. At one point, Rich pulled Samu's trunks down. I said, "Cheap heat". Klon said, "Rich wanted a cheap thrill." Samu used an international object. It was a piece of wood from Thailand. Rich did two groin shots to Samu. Alex said he'd tell Jim Herd so Rich would get fired under the new rules. Jody Hamilton probably yelled at him in the back. Samu tripped Ace coming off the ropes and Ron hit Johnny with a shoulderblock from the second rope for the win. ***

Main Event-Tag Team Match

Rock N' Roll Express beat Bobby Eaton & Jack Victory in 17:46. Lane never wrestles in Florida due to paternity suit against him. False ads at its best. I don't mind. Lane has grown old on me and I love Jacko's work. They did a great bit where Eaton was showing ref Pee Wee Anderson how Morton was using trunks for a bodyslam and he wanted Pee Wee to place his hands where Ricky was. So Bobby turns around, Ricky dropkicks him into Anderson and Pee Wee bodyslams Eaton (with tons of help from Bobby). Cornette gets in the ring and wants to go at it with Anderson and you've seen te rest at your house shows. Funny stuff though. Gibson rolled Jacko into Eaton and rolled him up but Cornette and Xpress nailed faces with racquest before leaving. *** $\frac{1}{2}$

Ocala Notes

We'd like to thank Dory and Marti Funk for their hospitality. We were greeted by Marti at the show and given comp backstage passes and third row seats. Great job on promoting as they sold out the 1,700 seats and some standing room as well. Nothing like seeing a good show in a packed high school with tons of heat for all matches.... Klon played the "Fan's Man" Joe Pedicino as there were a bunch of rabid Simmon's fans in the bleachers and Ron is from Florida. He was smiling at them during intros so after their match, Klon went up to talk to them to find out if they were family but they weren't. They did ask Klon if he could take them in the back since he had his backstage pass on.... Surprised Dory didn't get into it with Cornette. I lost the bet... We drove through Belleville on the way to the show. Just thought you'd like to know that the Ding Dongs are doing well and they're working at the local Burger King... Overall, a tremendous time and lots of fun.

Ramblings

Jake Roberts no showed Boston on 4/28 as well as Springfield. One word is he took Dusty's place against Savage in San Francisco but from another source, he was arrested but who knows... Terry Taylor returned to Vince in Philly doing a job for Bravo. Ron Garvin has missed all his dates and Taylor replaced him. Ronnie slid not to be happy with his spot. Not sure how long Terry is back. Hopefully, not long... Philly

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Jersey Joe Mullins, Jersey City, NJ

So, just when Warrior tried to lift Hogan over his head (didja see the look on Hellwig's face when Godzilla whacked him in the yolks with his famous looping tail shot? Oh, I forgot to tell you to watch the match through a pair of old Coke bottles. Darn!) the Tuti Fruti Cosmic Warp-thing struck, and suddenly a bunch of well known insider kayfabe dudes and jokesters--sorry, Marilyn. INSIDE JOKE! INSIDE JOKE!--were hurled through time and space to land inside the ring at WM6 at the very same time 'Zilla, King Kong, Moby Dick, Jaws, and a ring full of other super-heels appeared.

Instinctually, the kayfabe get-together guys knew that the major "bad guys" were there to interfere with the title change, and they ran the heels off, the highlight being when Dave Meltzer (standing like Snuka on top of the cage in MSG in the early 80's) turned, spread his arms, and flew, doing a perfect "moonsault" onto the back of Moby Dick, followed by a Barry Windhamesque drop kick that sent that big white fish-fillet floundering back to the dimension from whence he and his evil cronies came.

Naturally, you've heard nothing about this in the other sheets--not even RWRB Pro Wrestling Sushi would touch this one--mainly because it happened so fast (ten one-thousandths of a second) and because it is sort of hard to believe. I mean, Dave Meltzer doing a moonsault?! C'mon.

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Right now I want to say something I've had on my chest a long time. Jim Herd should be named TIME magazine's "Man of the Year!" I'm serious. Single-handedly (without much help from malcontents like Ric Flair, Terry Funk, and 99% of the kayfabe population) Jim Herd has turned the NWA around and he should be canonized instead of ridiculed by all of you people who have never walked an inch in his moccasins! The Robocop-Sting tie-in, the Roos commercials, the new image for Captain Mike RotundaI am at a loss for words.

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As proof that underground bulletins are seriously read by some of the finest, most brilliant minds in wrestling, Mr. Herd called me last week and offered me a job with the NWA. (Noooo, not a 900-number "Hot Line" job, thank you.) Jim had read my previous column in AR and he was so impressed with my "vision" he has asked me to book special angles involving new gimmicks and wrestlers he is bringing into the promotion this spring and summer. (Am I excited? Does Cactus Jack love cement? Does Jim Cornette have a mean backhand?)

Before I go on, however, and before I tell you the angles Big Jim and I am going to be working on, I want to make it perfectly clear that (INSIDE JOKE ALERT!) I have on file (at the New York office of Funk & Wagnel) a written agreement between the Jimster and myself that spells out exactly what I can and cannot do while I'm on the NWA payroll.

1) I am free to say whatever I please about the NWA and can expose its secrets and wrestling in general without fear of harassment from the boys, and without concern that I will be fired.

2) I can fraternize with the boys any time I want, even though I have never taken a bump (on purpose).

3) The only thing I cannot do is fraternize with the underage daughters of NWA wrestlers. Seems fair to me.

Well, I gotta get going. I'm flying to California tomorrow (YOO-HOO, MARILYN! INSIDE REMARK COMIN' UP!) to see how my cousin Jack Hammeroyd is doing after being shot in Jonesboro, AR, on Brian Tramel's Razorback Hog Ranch, and then it's off to Japan and a meeting with UWF's Akira Maeda regarding this wild idea Jimbo H. and I have cooked up. Will tell all in AR Vol.II, Number 20. 'Til then, let 'em grow and dry 'em out to hang!

Correspondent's Corner

Kemper Arena (NWA)

Kansas City, MO

April 12, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

1) Mean Mark Callous beat Johnny Ace. 2) The Steiners retained the World tag belts beating the Samoans. 3) Norman pinned Cactus Jack. 4) Ricky Morton beat Michael Hayes. 5) Brian Pillman defeated Bobby Eaton via pinfall in a great bout. Lots of action with James E. 6) Road Warriors beat Doom in a Chicago Street Fight. 7) Ric Flair beat Lex Luger after two screw jobs and fans were pissed. Too confusing for me to follow. Att: 2,900

Providence Civic Center (WWF)

Providence, RI

April 21, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Paul Diamond beat Jim Powers in 10:47 with a gourdbuster. 2) Warlord beat Tito Santana in 11:05 with a slingshot off the second rope. 3) Jake Roberts put a quick end to his feud with Bad News Brown (we hope) as he hit Brown with the DDT at 11:52. 4) Greg Valentine & Honkey Tonk Man beat Bushwhackers via DQ as Butch and Luke played a tune on Valentine's back with the guitar. 5) Tugboat splashed Black Bart in 10:00. Nuff said. 6) Hercules made Pete Doherty submit to the backbreaker in 4:14. 7) Ultimate Warrior retained the WWF Title by turning back Curt Hennig in 7:46. Perfect applied the perfectplex but Warrior kicked out at two. Warrior won with the press (screwed it up) and spash. Att: 4,000

Hammond Civic Center (NWA)

Hammond, IN

April 21, 1990

Correspondent: Steve Sims

1) Tom Zenk pinned Jack Victory with a sunset flip when the ref kicked Jacko's hands off the ropes. Hate that finish. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 2) Mike Rotunda defeated Cactus Jack in 11:14 when Jack was arguing a two count and Mike rolled him up from behind. Hate that finish too. ** 3) Stan Lane pinned Johnny Ace in a real dud at 17:12. No lock up until the eight minute mark. Stan hit him with racquet. 4) Paul Ellerat beat Teddy Long in a Lights Out No Dq match via DQ. Wait! What was that? Long used a loaded boxing glove but when Paul pulled it off, an object fell out and the ref called for the DQ. Great booking. Dud 5) Roadies beat Doom in 10:04 as Hawk pinned Ron Simmons following a clothesline. ** $\frac{1}{2}$. 6) Bam Bam Bigelow beat Lex Luger via DQ in 12:02. Lex gave Bammer a clothesline which knocked him over the top rope and the ref signalled for te bell. Only problem was, during the Roadie match, it happened twice and no call. Good consistancy in the officials minds. We need to talk to head referee Tommy Young. (If he's still alive.) Att: 4,500

Cobb County Civic Center (NWA TV)

Marietta, GA

April 23, 1990

Correspondent: Scott Hudson

These shows were taped for the weekend of May 4-6... The Southern Boys, Tracy Smothers & Steve Armstrong had a try out match and beat Jerry Rose & The Punisher...NWA Power Hour- Eddie Gilbert beat Buddy Lee Parker... Rock N' Roll Express over Ned Brady & Joe Caszana...Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk beat Samu & Joel Deaton as Pillman held Samu in a bearhug and Zenk clotheslined Samu and pinned him *** NWA Main Event- Mark Callous beat Lee Scott & Rocky King (he's back!)...Norman over Mark Kyle...Steiner Brothers destroyed Wrecking Crew II as Scott pinned Enos. Wayne Bloom was crushed and was carried out on a stretcher. That's how they'll explain their absence. Tryouts- Steve Disalvo beat Brian Johnson. Disalvo

looked hideous..."Prime Time" Brian Lee beat Bob Cook. Reminded Scott of Johnny Ace. Not a compliment.... World Wide Wrestling- Pillman & Zenk beat Parker & Joe Cruz... Luger and Sting were interviewed. Sting has no noticable limp...Sullivan, Cactus, and Bigelow beat Drake, Ryder, & ?... Doom over Kyle & William Bell...Ole interview. Says Flair will defend against Dutch Mantell later in the show...Tommy Rich beat Snake Brown... Flair ends up wrestling Luger. (Not sure how it came about.) Ric comes out with a ponytail. Remind you of anyone? During the match, Ole and Arn rush the ring and they triple team Lex. Sting comes to ringside and starts climbing in the ring but Barry Windham runs out and annihilates Sting. Steiners, Pillman, and Zenk finally clear the ring. Angle was HOT...NWA Pro Wrestling- Ace over Cruz...Steiners beat Rose & Jerry Ringer. Rotunda over Bill Ford...Samoans beat King & Ryder...Southern Boys (they passed their tests.) over Fargo & Scott... Dark Match- Sullivan and Abby in a DCOR. Wild Brawl. Att: 2,200 Turned away a few hundred.

Center Stage (NWA TBS TV) Atlanta, GA
Correspondent: Scott Hudson

April 24, 1990

Dark Matches- Parker over Ryder and Gilbert beat Galaxian. They were having trouble with the ring lights. WCW May 5th- Doom over Cook & Bell... Slaughterhouse & Bam Bam beat Drake, King, Ringer...Rich beat Bill Ford and then Deaton came out and they got into it...Louisville Slugger with Freebirds but R N R run them out and make Cornette say they are the best. Match at PPV will be a strap match with the Birds...Tryout- Lethal Larry Cameron over Galaxian...WCW May 12- Announced that Cornette will be in a cage during Express-Pillman & Zenk match...Zenk & Pillman down Fargo & Kyle...Southern Boys defeat Sullivan & Manson via over top rope DQ and then Norman, Rotunda, and Bigelow run in and all brawl. ** ... RIC FLAIR ANNOUNCES THE FIFTH HORSEMAN-SID VICIOUS who comes out in a tux and they say he was hired to take care of Robocop at the PPV. I can see where this is headed. A Sid turn down the road...Gilbert beat Samu in 1:13 as Eddie used the schoolboy trick as Samu fell over ref Pee Wee Anderson and was pinned...Dutch Mantell (Yes, he's in this time) over Paul Drake. Dutch is a heel... WCW May 19th- Callous over Johnson... Royal Family beat King & Ryder...Rotunda over Rose...Samoans downed Ringer & Bell...Southern Boys beat Brady & Cruz...Gilbert, Ace, Rich over Scott, Mantell, Samu. Guess who got pinned. Sorry Steve.

Meadowlands Arena (NWA) E. Rutherford, NJ
Correspondent: Dave Wolfe

April 26, 1990

1) Mark Callous and Mike Rotunda went to a fifteen minute draw. Makes no sense to me. Kind of puts a dent in Mean Mark. Dud 2) Norman & Abdullah over Kevin Sullivan & Cactus Jack when Normie sat on Sully. Good brawl. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk beat Midnight Express as Eaton had powder but it was kicked in his face and he was pinned. Great match. *** $\frac{1}{2}$ Stips were that Pillman & Z Man got five minutes with Cornette but it only lasted a couple as Lane blasted faces with racquet. 4) Steiners retained their belts beating Samoans ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 5) Animal won by DQ over Butch Reed. Their partners were there but announcer said Hawk couldn't wrestle due to athletic commision not allowing him to. Probably was hurt. Reed got caught with knucks. * 6) Robert Gibson & Tom Zenk beat Freebirds as Gibson rolled up Garvin. Morton said to have missed his flight. Check "Ramblings" to see if its true. Fans going nuts for Birds. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Lex Luger downed Ric Flair via DQ (another screw job in NY)While ref was out and Lex had Ric in the rack, Ole hit Luger with the shoe but Lex kicked out at two. Ole caught interfering so ref signalled for the bell. Awesome match but ending gives it **** Att: 11,000 which is great but no return date and you must wonder if certain things will hurt their return.

Skydome Lobbying by Marilyn Rundle

Michelle and I started our WMVI vacation in Toronto Fri. nite with 2 WWF fans from Chicago. Now, I knew they had a bit of an advantage over most fans as they have met many of the wrestlers, but I was still unprepared to find myself in the "Green Room" the next day. Sat. morning we went directly to the SkyDome Hotel lobby, where we ran into someone connected to WWF who recognized one of our party. When he was told we were looking for Sapphire, he immediately took us to a room and asked us to wait outside the door. He returned in a couple minutes and the next thing I know the 4 of us are following him into this room. As I walked in, I passed Bobby Heenan standing about a foot to my right. Next I passed a table where sat Ted DiBiase. As we walked toward the table where Sapphire sat, I glanced through the open doorway of another room and there stood Smash taking off a pair of pants. When we reached the table where Sapphire was sitting, she stood up to greet the women from Chicago who she knew from Midwest arenas. After introductions I turned to my left and as I glanced around, it slowly dawned on me that the entire room was full of WWF people. It wasn't easy standing there trying to act nonchalant and look around the room too. I remember seeing Jimmy Hart and his stable, Bossman, Bushwackers, more wrestlers than I can remember, Tunney, referees, and other ring people. It was not a big room and was all WWF except us 4! At about the point where my eyes grew to the size of saucers and my lower lip was hanging down to my toes, someone came over and told Sapphire that we would have to leave because no outsiders were suppose to be in the room. After we left, I learned we were in the "Green Room." Which didn't mean a hell of a lot to me, but later was explained to me that it is off limits to non-WWF people. We were told that "nobody gets in the green room." Well, they certainly underestimated the "Chicago 2" - they don't come any more determined than these women! I was a little disappointed as we left the Green Room because among those I did not see was my favorite, Bret Hart. But, as we left and headed back to the lobby, where Tito stood surrounded by fans, the elevator doors parted and out walked Bret Hart and an elderly couple. He acknowledged the Chicago 2 and introduced the couple - who just happened to be THE Mr. & Mrs. Stu Hart. They were the nicest people and after asking where we were from, they started showing us pictures of Bret and his family, and the rest of their family members. They were very friendly and warm people. As we were talking, I was pulled aside and introduced to Bret as his number one fan. I can't believe my mouth actually worked and I said a complete sentence. The words even came out in the order that I was thinking them. He also stood for a picture with me and Michelle. Women subscribers, this man is not only even better looking out of the ring, he has apparently inherited his parents' "warm" and "friendly" genes. Now, for you male subscribers who may not understand, (Listen up Jersey!) just think if you were introduced to someone like, say... Liz. We were not the only fans surrounding Bret, so as we stood back we watched tons (literally) of other wrestlers entering and exiting the lobby elevators. With very few exceptions, they all stopped to talk with fans and have photos taken. Since we saw so many of the guys in the lobby that day, I will only mention the few we never saw outside the arena.... Warrior, Andre, Savage, (and Liz), Virgil, Hercules, McMahon, Jessie, Gorilla.

Sat. afternoon we returned to the SkyDome Hotel to deliver knee pads to Sapphire. (Call for lessons on gaining access to wrestlers and don't let anyone tell you that being female doesn't help!) While we were in the lobby, Sapphire came in and we followed her into the elevator with about 10 other people. Don't ask me how we did not get stopped, because although it may sound as if no hotel security were around, actually they were out in full force trying to keep everyone away from the wrestlers. We were asked to leave the lobby at least 3 times Sat. morning! The best (well, almost best) they could do was to try to keep non-hotel guests out of the building. On the way to her room Sapphire took the time to greet fans and pose for photos with them, though it was obvious she'd had a long busy day and was very tired. So, we found ourselves in Sapphire's room, and as she talked about her upcoming tag match, I peeked through the drapes wondering what kind of view she had of Toronto. Was I ever surprised when I pulled them aside and found myself looking down into the arena of the SkyDome! So, my first glimpse of the SkyDome arena, all set up for the big event, was from the third floor window of Sapphire's room! (Part II: the big event and on to Syracuse TV tapings!)

Letters To Ron

Wrestlemania

What can I say when I give a Hogan-Warrior match *** $\frac{1}{2}$, and a Piper match only * $\frac{1}{2}$? I don't know about you, but I figure Hogan for working this hard only once in his life. Can there be much more left of the reign of Terry Bollea? I actually felt bad that Hogan lost the title. Call me a sentimental fool, or just call me sane, but Warrior's reign will make Hogan look like Ric Flair. I already heard at the TV tapings that Rude got some cheers against Warrior, and alot of my Hulkamaniac friends are very anti-Warrior now. Although it's too early to tell if this move backfired. Overall the card was ** $\frac{1}{2}$ -about as high as they can get, but I still liked WM3 better.

As for Piper-Brown-while it wasn't the worst match on the card, it was the most disappointing. We have a major problem with this feud-all the heat is on one guy, and it's not the heel. In fact, we have one guy playing both roles. You either find Pipers' black/white shtick amusing, or you don't, depending on your sensibilities. I think it's pretty funny, which is the only thing that saved it for a * $\frac{1}{2}$. As to what happened in the match itself-Brown was simply horrific in his selling for Piper, to the point he made Piper look bad. I have seen beer kegs selling better tipping over. And at 200 pounds with the blondish locks and the pretty boy look, Piper can't afford to be in matches where the heel won't sell for him. Piper spent most of this match waiting for Bad News to play catch up and therefore we had alot of what is called "dead air" in this match, something inexcusable from this kind of talent on a major PPV show. Since we had all this extra time, Piper went a bit overboard with his usual horsing around the ring, but he couldn't just stand there. This match accentuated Piper's biggest weakness-he can't take a hard bump since he's not healed up completely, and he has to watch himself because of "Tag Team" potentially going to series (which seems very likely). To be fair to Piper, he would have had to sell like Hennig in order to have made this match just decent considering Browns' performance. It seemed both Brown and the WWF personel at the end were afraid to jostle Piper at all. There was not what I'd consider a good lock up between the two for the entire match. For almost everyone else, I could have forgiven this match, but Piper's smart enough to have known there might have been trouble with Brown and should have had a second game plan just in case. I think the boy has been distracted by Hollywood again.

Teresa DeMarie
Tuckahoe, NY

Harry Speaks

I enjoyed seeing Hulk and Ultimate work up to and possibly beyond their abilities at WM. I enjoyed the rest of the show also. One thing does disturb me about the mixed tag team though. For those that have dreams about Miss Elizabeth, will those dreams now include Sapphire since they were both involved in the finish of that match? Can your on-staff shrink provide any help for that problem?

Harry White
St. Louis, MO

RL- Which shrink? I have too many of them. Maybe they'll all respond.

Open Letter To Scott Hudson

Keep on sending those Georgia TV results. As I've said before, your TV results are very much appreciated.

John Herron
Marble Hill, MO

RL- I'm sure you'll enjoy Scott's reports in this ish John!!

Roddy Piper (No, it's not Teresa again.)

I am really hyping this possibility to the extreme, my writing about it to every sheet I can think of in sort of a backwards letter writing campaign (since sending it to the federations would do no good). But isn't Roddy Piper being completely misused? His main strength as a face is his ability to perform interviews. But in these "serious" feuds with Rick Rude and Bad News Brown, he comes across as strident and pedantic. I felt he best came across when he was pushing Survivors Series with Snuka and the Bushwhackers. His comic side needs to get over more. I know he's shooting a TV pilot, but if he wants to stick around for a few more years, the WWF has to match him against maybe the Honkey Tonk Man or another "caricature" like Rick Martel, who has real wrestling talent and could carry him to good matches.

Furthermore, if he and Hogan are on their last real tours, isn't it about time to turn Piper and have him attack Hogan for the last big money show of their careers? I sure think it is.

Jeff Cohen

Great Neck, NY

Scatman, Alive & Well(?)

How about Mr. Perfect's performance on April 1? He could sell horse-shoes to rattlesnakes. A real highlight to a shitty afternoon. Guess what? I watched WMVI at a bar! Surprise, surprise.

The main event actually kept my attention and really, if Hogan had won clean, everyone who gave the match high marks (including you) would have probably thought it was fu _ _ _ . And it would have been. When Hogan got pinned, I shit! (Spilled my beer too!)

Mullins is one sick dude. I think he could carry a whole promotion just on his imagination. No workrates, no wrestling. Just imaginary characters. Wait! Is Mr. Mullins perhaps Vinnie's cruel trick to get back at smarts? Aaah, who cares! He's more fun than Zinger at a nursery school.

Greg Scatton

Mississauga, Ontario

RL- Wait a minute! I want to hear that story about Zinger at a nursery school. Talk about a sick dude!

Last Minute Report

Springfield Civic Center (WWF)

Springfield, MA

April 27, 1990

Correspondent: Dan Reilly

1) Paul Diamond beat Jim Powers with a gourdbuster at 13:32. ^{3/4}* 2) Tug-boat over Black Bart with a splash in 9:56. This bout was so exciting that Dan's son and his friend were trading WWF cards. Dud 3) Bad News Brown beat Hercules (sub for Jake) in 7:38 when he hit Herc in the stomach with Herc's chains. * 4) Hart Foundation went to a double count out with Demolition in 14:47 of an excellent match. Crowd was 50/50 at first but cheering on Harts at the end. ***** 5) Haku beat Pete Doherty with a shoulderbreaker at 8:03. Dud 6) Barbarian beat Jimmy Snuka with his foot on the ropes at 7:49. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 7) Hulk Hogan beat Earthquake via DQ at 7:16 when Jimmy Hart interfered after the leg bomb. Hogan posed for 5:28. Wonder why Dan didn't wear his newly bought Hulk Sucks T-Shirt he got from Brian Trammel. He said he was afraid of McMahon's Militia. Att: 4,20 When they announced Jake wouldn't be there, they offered refunds to whoever wanted them.

drew 6,849 for Ultimate over Hennig and Bossman beating DiBiase on top 4/28...Dusty Rhodes did have an operation on his leg. Not sure how long he'll be out...The doctors wouldn't let Hawk wrestle at the Meadowlands because his EKG results were very dangerous. Must have been pretty bad considering Andre and Warrior work there all the time. Unless Vince is at work again...Ricky Morton had legit plane problems as he was hung up in Nashville trying to get to N.J. He arrived at the building at 11:00. Match was already over... ICW drew 400 in Bridgeport, CT on 4/27 with Tony Atlas losing to Vic Steamboat for over top rope DQ....Got to see a tape of the WWF-All Japan-New Japan card from the Tokyo Dome thanks to D.M. Was surprised at how much the WWF was the focal point. The whole opening montage of the show featured WWF video. Stan Hansen was great. He smacked Mel Phillips in the head when he entered the ring. I wonder if Terry Funk told him to do it....Speaking of Japan, big news going on in the Land of the Rising Sun. A leading optical company wants to get into the wrestling game. They approached New Japan and All Japan about buying the promotion but both refused. They then went to Akira Maeda and offered him 1 million to jump to their group but he refused. However, Tenyru didn't. They held a press conference announcing that Tenyru had quit All Japan and will work with this new group. It is scheduled to start in June. They will approach big name wrestlers and lure them with huge signing bonuses....4/21 at the Manatee Civic Center for Sun Coast Wrestling saw Gator Gilmore (Malenko trainee) beat Dick Slater via DQ, Bob Orton DDQ with Brian Blair (horrible), Tommy Rogers & Dean Malenko over Masked Superstar (Bob Cook) & Ned Brady. ATT: 600.... 4/26 in Tampa saw Robert Fuller & Kendall Windham go to a double DQ with Steve Keirn & Lou Perez, Jimmy Backlund retained the light heavy-weight title beating Hurricane Walker, and Terminator downed Ron Slinker in a strap match....Wendall Cooley and Frankie Lancaster in for Georgia All-Star Wrestling. They're getting ready for a Mr. Wrestling II retirement tour....Can't help but get excited about the new faces and hot angles they shot in Marietta and Atlanta (NWA) but knowing these guys, they'll screw it up....Fanzine reader Bill Kunkel trying to get a boycott going on the NWA PPV because of Robocop. Where were you when Zeus was being pushed?....Congrats to "Matwatch"s Steve Beverly who recently was hired a news director for an ABC affiliate in Jackson, TN. Good luck Steve....Talk that NWA returning to Orlando in mid June with Bash dates in August....Mark Callous should be destroying everything in his path. These finishes with mid-level guys are ludicrous. They can't create a monster....Speaking of which, wouldn't Giant Baba be great as a horror movie star. He's scarier looking than Freddy Krueger.... IWF ran a show in Brockton, MA with John Studd beating Jason Thr Horrible with the Bug as his manager. Mike Sharpe beat Chris Duffy underneath.... NWA cancelled a show in Utica due to low advance....Boston card for NWA on 5/4 has a 300 advance. Word is if they can't book the Garden, they'll always die in Beantown....4/20 in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ drew 500 to see JFD beat Afa via DQ, S.D. Jones over Ray Appolo, Jules Strongbow over Bialo the Giant....If you haven't tried Jeff Mullins' newsletter, 'RWRB Pro Wrestling Sushi', your missing lots of fun reading from one of the most imaginative minds in fanzine land. He inspired Dave Meltzer's infamous Ric Flair twin story. Write to Jeff at P.O. Box 36189, San Jose, CA 95158. A buck a dish....Another great newsletter is "Tape Update" put out by Brian Trammel. Don't let the title fool you. This is more than a sheet that is selling tapes. Lots of fun columns including the famous "Ring Rat Ratings". Write to Brian at 1806 Self Circle #B, Jonesboro, AR 72401. 50¢ an issue.

Final Word

Thanks to all contributors this issue. We'll be right back at you next week. Until then, don't give your dog any junkfood. See ya,
 NO room for SUMA review.
 Ron

